

MissionH24: first races on the 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit!

This week, the MissionH24 programme's electric-hydrogen prototype will take part in the Road to Le Mans events on the big 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit. It is the first time in the history of the motor car that a hydrogen-powered prototype will take part in races on the circuit in the Sarthe.



The H24 in the pit lane at Imola in its first race on Saturday 14th May 2022. Copyright MissionH24-JEP.

After the historic first at Imola (first participation of an electric-hydrogen prototype in an international race) MissionH24 is continuing its pioneering programme, and will be at Le Mans this week to compete in the Road to Le Mans events (Michelin Le Mans Cup races that are curtain-raisers to the 24 Hours of Le Mans). It will also be a historic premier as it's the first time that a hydrogen-powered vehicle entered in the experimental category by the H24Racing team will take part in races on the 24-Hours circuit.

H24Racing has set up home in the Maison Blanche paddock for the whole Le Mans week. On their driver Stéphane Richelmi's programme are two free practice sessions (Wednesday 8th June: 12:25-13:25 and 20:30-21:30), two qualifying sessions (Thursday 9th June: 12:10-12:30, 12:45-13:05) and two 55-minute races in the middle of conventionally-powered rivals (Thursday 9th June: 18:30-19:25 and Saturday 11th June: 11:20-12:15).

During these sequences, the H24 will refuel at the TotalEnergies mobile station installed on the pit lane (at the entry) of the 24-Hours circuit like the other cars.





In parallel to taking part in the Road to Le Mans events, after the first free practice session the H24 will set a speed record for an electric-hydrogen vehicle on the Le Mans circuit on Wednesday afternoon at 13:35 on the first third of the Les Hunaudières straight before the first chicane.

And on Saturday, MissionH24 will bring down the curtain on its participation by a symbolic gesture. At 15:42 the H24 will set off for a lap of honour of the circuit from the front of the grid on which the competitors in the 90th edition of the 24 Hours of Le Mans have lined up for the start given at 16:00.

NOTE ON MISSIONH24 AND H24RACING:

MissionH24 is a programme jointly developed by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, organiser of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and GreenGT specialist in high-power electric-hydrogen solutions, in particular in vehicle propulsion. MissionH24 is preparing for the introduction of a category reserved for electric-hydrogen prototypes beyond the horizon of the 2025 24 Hours of Le Mans. MissionH24 is jointly presided by Pierre Fillon, the president of the ACO, and Christophe Ricard, the president of GreenGT. MissionH24 has created its own race team H24 Racing managed by Jean-Michel Bouresche who is also in charge of MissionH24's operations department. The programme's innovations department is run by Bernard Niclot.

More information on www.missionh24.fr